'She played out of her mind. I was a little bit like a deer in headlights': Serena Williams admits she was powerless to stop the superb Simona Halep in Women's Wimbledon final

- **Simona Halep completely outplayed Serena Williams to win Wimbledon final**
- **Williams admitted after there was little she could do to stop the inspired Halep**
- **'When someone plays like that you have to tip your cap,' the American said**

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Serena Williams admitted she was caught off-guard by the brilliance of Simona Halep as the Romanian blew her away in straight sets to win her first ever **Wimbledon** title.

The American, who was looking to make history by claiming a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam title, was completely dismantled by the faultless Halep as she lost 6-2, 6-2 in the singles final.

Williams came into the contest the fancied favourite, but a very different narrative unfolded on centre court with Halep dominating from start to finish.

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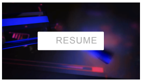

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Simona Halep won her first Wimbledon title with a win over Serena Williams, becoming the first Romanian to win a singles title at SW19.

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Despite the disappointment, Williams, 37, admitted there was little she could do to stop her inspired opponent.

'She literally played out of her mind! Congratulations Simona,' Williams said after losing the match.

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Williams admitted afterwards: 'It was a little bit like a deer in headlights from me'

Halep, who fulfilled her mother's dream by being crowned the Wimbledon champion, admitted that was the best she has ever played.

When asked if she had ever played better than that by Sue Barker on the BBC, she replied: 'Never.

'I had nerves. My stomach was not very well. But I knew there was no time for emotions.

'It feels unbelievable. It is something so special and I will never forget this day.'

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Murray crashes out of men's doubles in second round with partner Herbert after losing to Skugor and Mektic at SW19
Beaten 6-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3

Loftus-Cheek signs new £150,000-a-week Chelsea deal as Lampard ushers in new era
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9	Leicester City	38	3	52
10	West Ham United	38	-3	52
11	Watford	38	-7	50
12	Crystal Palace	38	-2	49
13	Newcastle United	38	-6	45
14	Bournemouth	38	-14	45
15	Burnley	38	-23	40
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